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1. POL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED OVERALL U.S. VIEWS ON UN AND ON SPECIAL UNGA ISSUES OUTLINED IN REFTEL WITH MFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (SANTILLESTRA) AND LEFT DETAILED AIDE MEMOIRE. FOLLOWING ARE HIS COMMENTS:

2. ON ISSUES OF SOUTH AFRICA, PORTUGUESE TERRITORITIES AND NAMIBIA, SPAIN IN ESSENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. APPROACH. HE WAS GENERALLY NONCOMMITTAL ON RHODESIA, NOTING THAT WHILE SPAIN SUPPORTS UN SANCTIONS AND DISAPPROVES EXTREME STEPS, IT WOULD RESERVE JUDGMENT ON ANY FURTHER MEASURES PROPOSED AGAINST RHODESIA UNTIL THEY WERE PRESENTED.

3. WITH REGARD TO KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE, SANTILLESTRA
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TOOK NOTE OF LON NOL'S RECENT FEELERS TO SIHANOUK INSURGENTS

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FOR TALKS. WHILE HE HAD IMPRESSION INSURGENTS NOT
RESPONDING FAVORABLY, SPAIN WOULD TAKE POSITION THAT
DIALOGUE BETWEEN BELLIGERNATS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED
WITHOUT ADDED COMPLICATIONS OF FURTHER UN RESOLUTIONS
AGAINST ONE SIDE OR OTHER. HE ASKED TO BE KEPT IN CLOSE
TOUCH WITH U.S. THINKING AS KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE DEVELOPS
AND REQUESTED LIST OF COUNTRIES U.S. BELIEVES WOULD VOTE
AGAINST OUSTER OF LON NOL REGIME. REGARDING KOREA, SPAIN
SHARED U.S. FEELING THAT NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE SHOULD BE
ALLOWED TO PROCEED WITHOUT FURTHER UN INVOLVEMENT AT THIS TIME.

4. CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS, SANTILLESTRA SAID SPAIN WOULD
HAVE NO PROBLEM SUPPORTING REASONABLE RESOLUTIONS UNHOLDING
RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE AND CURBING USE OF TORTURE.

5. SANTILLESTRA SAID SPAIN IS FOLLOWING WITH INTEREST
ARAB MANEUVERS TO DEVELOP NEW RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE NATIONAL
RIGHTS, SEPARATING POLITICAL ISSUE OF PALESTINIANS FROM
HUMANITARIAN AND REFUGEE ISSUE. HE THOUGH THAT IF ARABS
DID INTRODUCE RESOLUTION ALONG THESE LINES SPAIN, IN VIEW OF
ITS PRO-ARAB POLICY, WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT IT. REGARDING
UNRWA FINANCES, HE SAID SPAIN HAD GIVEN ITS LARGEST
CONTRIBUTION EVER LAST YEAR -- $1 MILLION, BUT IT SEEMED
THAT MORE AND MORE MONEY WAS BUYING LESS AND LESS AID. SPAIN
WOULD BE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD PROPOSALS TO RESTORE UNRWA
FINANCES.

6. DISARMAMENT - SPAIN FAVORS CTB, BUT IS LIKELY TO REMAIN
AMONG NON-SIGNATORIES OF NPT FOR TIME BEING. HE MENTIONED
THAT SPAIN'S SUPPORT HAD RECENTLY BEEN SOUGHT FOR
PAKISTANI-BACKED RESOLUTION FAVORING SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR
FREE ZONE. INDIAN AMBASSADOR, HE CONTINUED, HAD FOLLOWED
HARD UPON PAKISTANI INITIATIVE WITH STRONG ARGUMENTS AGAINST
IT. HE THOUGH ISUE WOULD COME UP AT UNGA.

7. SANTILLESTRA DECLINED TO COMMENT ON SEVERAL ECONOMIC
ISSUES RAISED IN REFTEL SUCH AS SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR MSA'S,
MNCS, NATURAL RESOURCES, PROGRAM OF ACTION, AND ECONOMIC
RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, SINCE POSITION REQUIRED
FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH OTHER MINISTRIES AND WITH ECONOMIC
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AREAS OF MFA. HE DID STRESS THAT GOS SHARES U.S. OPPOSITION
TO FURTHER UN PAY RAISES AT THIS TIME. HE
NOTED THAT PAY OF SOME UN STAFF MEMBERS NOW AT TIMES MORE
THAN TWICE THAT OF COMPARABLE SPANISH PUBLIC SERVANTS. HE
COMMENTED THAT SUCH RAISES WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SUPPORT
EVEN IF UN WERE SOLVENT ORGANIZATION.

8. ASKED TO COMMENT ON UNGA ISSUES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

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TO SPAIN, SANTILLESTRA SAID GOS WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT PROPOSAL TO MAKE GERMAN OFFICIAL UN LANGUAGE FOR SAME "DEMAGOGIC" REASONS IT HAD SUPPORTED CHINESE AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE. GOS WAS STILL HOPEFUL SAHARA ISSUE WOULD BE LARGELY DEFUSED AT UNGA BECAUSE OF SPAIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN AUGUST THAT IT WOULD CONDUCT UN-SUPERVISED REFERENDUM BY MID-1975. HE WAS UNCERTAIN WHAT TACTICS, IF ANY, MOROCCANS WERE PLANNING TO KEEP SAHARA ISSUE HEATED UP AT UNGA.

9. ON GIBRALTAR, SANTILLESTRA SAID SPAIN WOULD NOT SEEK TO MAKE MAJOR ISSUE OF IT THIS SESSION, THOUGH SPANISH DELEGATION WOULD NOTE THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING BRITISH CLAIMS, UN RESOLUTION CALLING ON BOTH PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT HAD STILL NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH. HE EXPLAINED THAT GOS EXPECTED UK TO CLAIM THAT VISIT OF BRITISH EMISSARIES TO MADRID FOR TALKS MAY 30,1974, CONSTITUTED NEGOTIATION, WHEN IN FACT BRITISH PROPOSALS DEALT NOT WITH SETTLEMENT OR EXISTING DISPUTE BUT WITH POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER SPANISH CONCESSIONS TO UK IN GIBRALTAR AREA.
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